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SUBJECT: CODEL MCGOVERN POSSIBLE VISIT TO NORTH KOREA

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1. NORTH KOREAN INVITATION AS RECEIVED FROM THE ROMANIANS
WAS PASSED TO SENATOR MCGOVERN HERE SEPT 1. MCGOVERN WAS
ALSO INFORMED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN
THE PROPOSED TRIP AND THAT IF HE TRAVELED THE SENATOR
SHOULD MAKE IT PLAIN TO ALL CONCERNED THAT HE WAS NOT
TRAVELLING WITH EITHER APPROVAL OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

2. THE SENATOR INFORMED US THAT HE HAD MADE NO REQUEST TO
VISIT NORTH KOREA, BUT HAD SIMPLY INQUIRED OF THE ROMANIANS
REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED
BY THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON RE THE NORTH KOREAN
INVITATION, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER THE

MATTER FURTHER BEFORE DECIDING. HE APPARENTLY IS NOT PLANNING ANY EARLY ACCEPTANCE.

3. WE HAVE IN LOW-KEY FASHION INFORMED ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR PARK ON SEPT 5 OF THE NORTH KOREAN INVITATION TO MCGOVERN. WE INFORMED ROK EMBASSY THAT QUESTION OF VISIT HAD ARISEN IN HYPOTHETICAL FASHION DURING SENATOR'S DISCUSSIONS IN BUCHAREST IN JULY, AND THAT APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF THAT DIALOGUE A NORTH KOREAN INVITATION TO COME SOMETIME AFTER SEPT 15 HAD BEEN CONVEYED THROUGH THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUCHAREST FOR RELAY TO MCGOVERN. WE HAD RELAYED THE MESSAGE, BUT HAD ALSO CLEARLY MADEEKNOWN THAT IF THE SENATOR TRAVELED TO NORTH KOREA HE WOULD BE DOING SO WITHOUT EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL OR INSTRUCTIONS. WE SAID THAT THE SENATOR APPARENTLY HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO GO TO NORTH KOREA, BUT SHOULD THE TRIP LATER MATERIALIZE WE WOULD KEEP THE ROKG INFORMED.

4. SINCE NO TRIP APPEARS IMMINENT, WE DID NOT PRESS AT THIS TIME THE SUGGESTION THAT ROKG INVITE MCGOVERN ALSO TO VISIT SOUTH KOREA WHILE IN THE AREA, BUT THIS WAS SUGGESTED TO COUNSELOR PARK AS USEFUL ROK INITIATIVE SHOULD THE SENATOR LATER DECIDE TO TRAVEL TO THE AREA.

5. COUNSELOR PARK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION

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TION, AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD HELP ALLAY DISTRUST IN SEOUL. HE HOPED USG WOULD CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE CODEL TO PYONGYANG IN NEAR FUTURE, AND IN PARTICULAR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS US-ROK SUMMIT MEETING COULD COMPLETELY DISPEL CLOUDS OF PAST TWO YEARS AND CEMENT THE BASIS FOR MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION ON TENSION REDUCING MEASURES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. CHRISTOPHER

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